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Capacity of a Modern Lake Ship.

A circular to stockholders of the Mutual Transportation Co., who are given preference in the matter for subscribing for new stock in the big vessel just purchased from the Globe Iron Works Co., contains the following estimates of capacity of the new ship at various stages of water:

	Capacity.			
14 feet 6 inches	4,180	net	tons.	
15 feet	4,450	"	"	
15 feet 6 inches	4,672	"	"	
16 feet	4,990	**	"	
16 feet 6 inches	5,264	"	"	
17 feet	5,539	"	"	
17 feet 6 inches	5,815	41	"	
18 feet	6,095	**	"	
18 feet 6 inches	6,385	"	"	
19 feet	6,680	"	"	

This new vessel, the largest as yet laid down on the lakes, will be considerably larger than any of the freighters that are placed in the 400-foot class. There has been some question about the hull dimensions, size of engines, etc., and we reprint these particulars as obtained from the builders. She will be 432 feet overall, 412 feet keel, 48 feet beam and 28 feet depth of hold. Her triple expansion engines, which are already practically completed, have cylinders of 24, 39 and 63 inches diameter and 42 inches stroke. Boilers will be four in number, each of 10 feet diameter and 11 feet 8 inches length, allowed 160 pounds working pressure. The total heating surface is 4,336 square feet and the grate surface 160 square feet.

Put in Surface Condensers.

Some of the very best engineers on the lakes are firm in the belief that the adoption of surface condensers for harbor tugs in places like Chicago, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Cleveland, where bad river water is used in the boilers of these vessels for making steam, should be made obligatory. There are steamboat men, they say, who will tell you today that only a high-pressure engine is of any use in a tug, but this ignorance of engineering facts should not be tolerated when accidents like those that have occurred of late, involving loss of life, demand the attention of those qualified to pass upon boiler explosions and other difficulties attending the use of steam.

The recent explosion of the boiler of the tug Morford in Chicago river is attributed to the use as feed of the foul water of that stream. That this is really more than a mere theory is almost beyond argument; it may be taken as an established fact. The effect of Chicago river water upon boilers and the apparent water level are well known to all experienced engineers. The disturbances caused by its use are not so noticeable with compound and triple expansion engines, because of the relatively smaller quantity of water used in developing a given power, but with non-condensing or high pressure engines all the conditions are most favorable for mischief.

Take, for instance, an ordinary tug engine developing say 200 horse power. The water consumption in this case would probably exceed thirty-five pounds per horse power per hour, a total of 7,500 pounds in one hour, and if, as is usually the case with tugs, the boiler had to be pushed when working strong the water consumption would be probably over forty pounds per horse power. A triple expansion engine would only use at the outside twenty pounds and a compound engine twenty-five pounds per hour, and larger engines still less. So that a steamer fitted with condensing engines would require a considerably longer time to reach the same stage of "saturation," as it may be termed, than a steamer with simple non-condensing engines, although ultimately, of course, the conditions would be equal.

This, of course, refers to jet-condensing engines, such as are commonly used on lake steamers. With surface condensing engines this difficulty is avoided altogether, as the exhaust steam, after being condensed, is returned to the boiler as feed water, and thus if there was absolutely no waste the water level would remain constant.

But in the case of a harbor tug, especially in Chicago and Buffalo, and to a lesser extent in Milwaukee and Cleveland, there is actually quite a waste of steam in whistle blowing and lifting safety valves, and this must be made up by auxiliary feed, though the percentage of the total is not great and might be made a good deal less, so that on the whole it need not be seriously considered.

There would probably be a good deal of opposition to the proposal

to introduce surface condensers on harbor tugs on the lakes. It is not so long since it was considered that a high-pressure engine was the only type suitable for tug use, and in some quarters that idea still holds its ground. But it rests on no good foundation, and we have yet to learn of any owner of a tug fitted with a compound or condensing engine going back to the old style. In coastwise harbors the surface condenser is, of course, a necessity, on account of the salt water. The idea of the surface condenser is simply to keep the exhaust steam and the cooling water separate when the latter is not suitable for use as boiler feed, and it may be used in any locality or under any circumstances where the water is available to effect condensation, no matter how foul the water may be.

It would seem that tug owners would see the wisdom of adopting the surface condenser without coercion, as aside from the greater security offered they would get the benefit of much greater economy in the engine. If it be urged that the weight of apparatus and the increased boiler capacity needed to make steam with natural draft entirely is an obstacle to its introduction into tugs already in service, it may be said in reply that it will not be necessary to carry so much coal to perform the same work and that the capacity of the engine will be much increased by the assistance of the vacuum. It need not be a question of cost at all, as the condenser will pay 100 per cent. per annum on the investment merely by the saving in coal. A few feet more added to the length of stack of most of our harbor tugs would greatly improve their steam making qualities, though there might be a little sacrifice in appearance and some delay at low bridges. Higher stacks would also go a long way towards the abatement of the smoke nuisance in harbor work.

How to Obtain Life Saving Medals.

Inquiry is often heard regarding government regulations in the matter of bestowing life saving medals. From extracts of acts of congress it is learned that the secretary of the treasury is authorized to give two classes of medals to those who risk their own lives in saving or trying to save others in danger from peril of the sea, in the United States or upon any American vessel. To obtain a medal of the first class, which is of gold, it is necessary to perform an act of extreme and heroic daring. The second class medal, of silver, is given to those not deserving the first class medal. Sufficient evidence of the deed, given before a magistrate, must be sent the secretary of the treasury, Washington, D. C. Any one having a medal and performing an act that would entitle him to a second medal, will be given a bar to attach to the first, and if the medal possessed is silver, it can be exchanged for a gold medal when the number of bars will entitle the holder to a gold medal. The number of bars necessary is left to the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. When the possessor of a gold medal is credited with an additional rescue, he may be rewarded in the same manner as that followed in the case of masters and crews of foreign vessels who rescue American citizens from shipwreck.

Probably the most satisfactory steamboat service in this country is that of the Fall River line out of New York. Only a few years ago, the sight of a line of forty or fifty business men awaiting their turn to secure stateroom accommodations was witnessed only during the busiest part of the summer season, but this condition was noted only a few weeks ago on one of the vessels of this company at Fall River. Leaving New York after business hours and arriving in Boston in time for business next day, with a good night's sleep thrown in, is the attraction of this service. It is much more restful and enjoyable than the rail ride, and an orchestra on the ship furnishing delightful music is also an attraction.

A cruiser built in England for the Argentine government and named Buenos Aires has supplanted the United States cruiser Minneapolis as the fastest war vessel afloat, excluding of course, the 30-knot torpedo boats. Buenos Aires is credited by Engineering of London with having attained on trial a speed of 23.202 knots, against 23.073 knots made by the Minneapolis. Both vessels are described and reports of their trials published in two late issues of the London journal, dates of Nov. 8 and 15.

"Contractors' Methods Employed on the Great Chicago Drainage Canal" is the title of an artistic pamphlet issued by the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Co. of New York, and which contains about fifty half-tone engravings of views of the canal and machinery engaged in its construction.

Steady Platform at Sea.

An article in Cassier's Magazine for December treats of a steady platform at sea as an alleviation, if not a remedy, for sea sickness. Attempts have been made to mount guns on steady platforms, but it is not probable that suffering humanity is soon to find relief in a deck pivoted like the bowl of the mariner's compass or the swing table commonly used aboard yachts.

The first practica' machine to insure steadiness of objects at sea was fitted up on a steam yacht and subjected to a laborous course of experiment by the captains of H. M. ships Vernon and Excellent, the torpedo and gunnery school ships at Portsmouth, England, as a means of mounting both searchlight projectors and machine guns. It has in consequence, been fitted to gunboats in the British navy. On the machine, as mounted on the yacht, a seat was provided on which a person could sit and observe the steadiness by looking along sights at the horizon.

"It is true" says the writer of the magazine article "that the rising

Trade Notes.

A. Cary Smith, naval architect of New York, is designing a 150-foot three masted auxiliary yacht for the Hon. William C. Whitney, ex-Secretary of the Navy.

Seven vessels are under construction at the Roach ship yard, Chester, Pa. Three are freight steamers of about 2,000 tons each, two of them being to the order of the Central Vermont Railroad Co. and one intended for Delaware river service. Two others are steam, seagoing yachts, each of about 150 length, and the two remaining craft are river barges.

Officials of the Penn. Steel Casting and Machine Co. of Chester, Ps., who were charged with fraud in connection with contracts for furnishing gun castings for the government, were discharged in the United States district court at Philadelphia a few days ago. The judge directed this action in the case without hearing any evidence in behalf of the defense. He said that the evidence presented by the United States district attor-



H. M. S. VICTORY-LORD NELSON'S FAMOUS FLAGSHIP.

and falling motion is still there, but this can be to a great extent avoided by taking a position somewhere about midway between the bow and stern. But the angular motion of the pitching and rolling is equally great in all parts of the ship, and can be escaped only by some such contrivance as here considered. A small cabin, kept steady by an apparatus of this kind, could easily be fitted on the English channel steamers, for seats in which many people would be glad to pay a high price on a rough day."

In the general shifting around of naval constructors, Washington L. Capps, secretary of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, is detached from the bureau of construction and repair, Washington, and ordered to duty at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, as superintending constructor of the two gun boats to be built at that point. Some arrangement will undoubtedly be made to have attention given to the correspondence of the society in Washington, but it it is unfortunate that Mr. Capps, who has made a most efficient secretary, is to be removed to the Pacific coast.

ney was not enough upon which to even establish a well-grounded suspicion.

W. E. Quinn, a coast pilot, sends to the Graham-Meyer Torch and Liquid Light Co., of Boston, the following extract from the log of the S. S. Storm King, date of October 28: "Off Nanset at 8:30 p. m., in dense fog, steaming slowly. Saw light two points on port bow and at the same time heard fog horn. Stopped engines and reversed full steam astern, when I saw Graham-Meyer torch, which lighted up a fishing schooner. Soon saw the sails and rigging and also several men on deck. The vessel was on the port tack standing directly across our bows. I at once put helm to starboard with engines full speed ahead and cleared the schooner by several feet. I feel positive that the torch saved the vessel from being run down."

CAPTAINS AND MATES ARE INVITED TO CALL AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE REVIEW AND LOOK OVER THE CHARTS AND SAILING DIRECTIONS OF LAKES SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN, HURON, ERIE AND ONTARIO, PUBLISHED BY THE HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE.

The New Battleships.

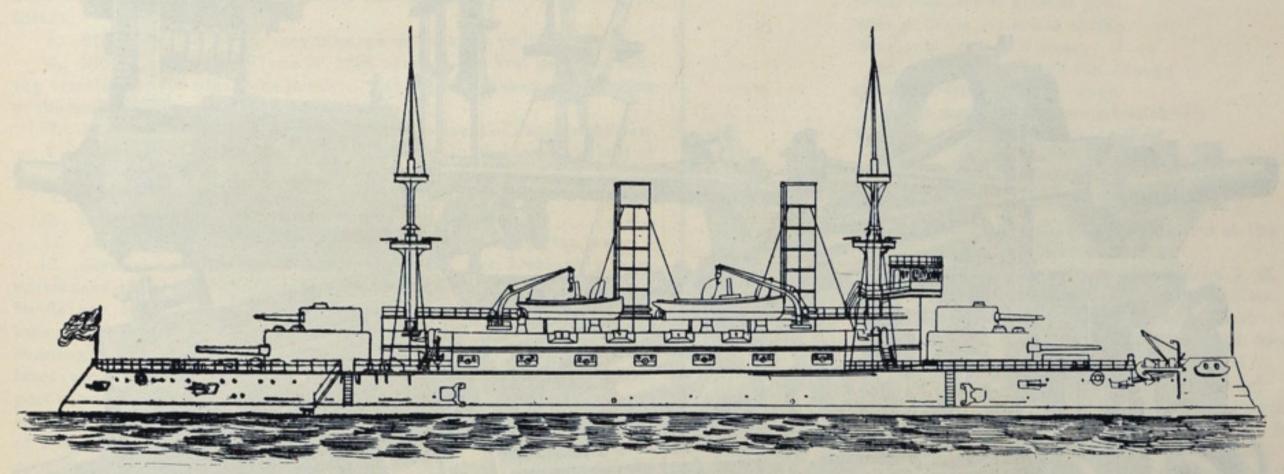
Plans for the two United States battleships, authorized by the last congress, and which are to cost with armor and armament about \$5,000,000 each, are practically completed, and an outline drawing of one of the vessels is presented herewith. Ship builders who will be asked for bids on these vessels shortly are to be given three years in which to complete them, but there will be no speed premiums, a penalty of \$100,000 a knot being imposed for failure to reach the contract speed of 16 knots. Until launched the ships will be known as battleships Nos. 5 and 6, since four other battleships were authorized before them—the Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon and Iowa.

General dimensions and features of the ships, as designed are as follows: Length on load water line, 368 feet; beam, extreme, 72 feet 2.5 inches; freeboard forward, 14 feet, 3 inches; freeboard aft, 12 feet 3 inches; mean draught, with 410 tons of coal on board, 23 feet 6 inches; corresponding displacement, 11,500 tons; speed in knots, per hour, 16; indicated horse power, 10,000; normal coal supply, 410 tons Batteries-Main, four 13-inch B. L. R., four 8-inch B. L. R., fourteen 5-inch R. F. B. L. R.; secondary, twenty 6-pdr. R. F., six 1-pdr. R. F., four machine guns. There will be five torpedo tubes-two on either broadside. These vessels will draw less water, when fully laden than any other first-class battleship either in this country or abroad-but 25 feet with 1,200 tons of coal on board and all stores and ammunition. Nothwithstanding this the armor throughout will be very heavy and all of it will be of solid nickel steel, Harveyized. The side armor belt, for instance, will have a maximum thickness of 161/2 inches, with a mean depth of 71/2 feet, so disposed in reference to the load line that the vessel, with 410 tons of coal on board,

try tributary to the great lakes than has ever before been placed before the public in a single volume. Considering the great variety of subjects discussed at the convention, bearing on commercial transportation and engineering problems, it is not at all strange that some of the matter presented is of questionable utility, yet it is peculiar that the paper on "Pneumatic Locks," illustrated with a working model,—which would not work—was allowed to be eulogized by the promoters and given the tacit endorsement of the convention, when it was apparent from both the paper presented and from the model that the invention was not what it was claimed to be, viz. a balanced lock.

It is unfortunate that in public meetings like the one recently held in Cleveland visionary projects and devices of one kind and another are so dealt with as to lead innocent investors and others to suppose that the practical men in attendance see nothing to criticise in them. An examination of the paper and illustrations in the report dealing with this lock indicates that the author is certainly lacking in the first principles of hydraulics. The cross-section of lock given in the report shows the water level in the lock caisson, under a pressure of fifteen pounds per square inch, to be the same as that of the lock pit in which the caisson floats, whereas such a pressure would depress the water surface inside of the caisson about 34 feet and allow the air to escape under the lower edge of the air chamber of the elevated lock.

The argument presented in favor of the invention was that the use of connected air chambers for supporting and elevating the locks would make an ideal balanced lock. An examination of the cuts in the report shows the lower lock immersed in the lock pit, and the elevated lock supported by compressed air, or having a difference of pressure in the



ONE OF THE NEW UNITED STATES BATTLESHIPS.

will have 3½ feet of this belt armor above the water, and with 1,210 tons of coal on board will have 2 feet above the load line.

American corn-pith cellulose, recently tested with such satisfactory results, will be worked into the vessels for their entire length in the region of the water line. The use of wood is reduced to a minimum. The stateroom bulkheads will be made of steel covered with cork sheathing, and every attention will be given to lighting, heating, draining and ventilating the vessels in the most approved and efficient manner. All wood materials of every description will be tested by the electric fire-proofing process. As these ships will undoubtedly be flagships, their complements will be 520 persons—officers, seamen and marines.

Engines will be of the triple expansion type actuating twin-screws, each screw being propelled by a single engine having cylinders of 33½ inches, 51 inches and 78 inches diameter, with a common stroke of 48 inches, indicating, together with the engines for the air and circulating pumps, a collective horse power of 10,000 when making about 120 revolutions a minute. Five boilers—three double-ended and two single ended—in four water-tight compartments, will generate the necessary steam at a pressure of 180 pounds to the square inch. A full coal supply of 1,210 tons will be carried with ease. In case of need 400 or 500 tons can be added. It will be sufficient to enable the vessels to steam over 6,000 miles, and at 13 knots nearly 4,000 miles. However, temporary provision could be made by which 400 or 500 tons extra coal could be carried, with corresponding increase in the radius of action. The description is from the Army and Navy Journal.

Dutton's Pneumatic Lock.

The report of the first annual meeting of the International Deep Waterways Association, just published, contains more valuable information relative to the commercial and transportation interests of the countwo air chambers of at least ten pounds per square inch. As soon as the depressed lock enters the water of the lock pit the balance principle ceases to apply.

The model exhibited at Cleveland illustrated this principle so plainly that the inventor did not allow either lock chamber to be immersed so as to destroy the balance, otherwise the air pressure needed to lift and sustain the elevated lock would have forced all the water out of the operating tank. A lock such as described in the paper, having a lift of 160 feet, would require a lock pit over 200 feet deep and necessitate retaining walls of a nature heretofore never undertaken in this country.

New Stockless Anchor.

Although some lake ship builders have been buying stockless anchors in England, a better anchor of this kind than any that have as yet been seen from the other side is made in the United States. Several of the anchors referred to, the Dunn, are in use on lake vessels. The steamers Zenith City and Victory are fitted with them. One advantage of the Dunn anchor is that if the pin which holds the shank and fluke arm together should break or work loose the shank would not pull out. Vessels of the new navy are being equipped with these anchors as fast as they come out, and there are a large number of naval orders in hand now at the works of the manufacturers, the American Steel Castings Co., Thurlow, Pa. A new style of ring and shackle has been designed for lake service, so that the hawse-pipe need not be made any larger than for other styles of stockless anchors. In view of the large number of ship building orders in lake yards, and the prices at which the vessels are being built, it would certainly pay ship builders to open up a correspondence with this company.

ALL NEW HYDROGRAPHIC CHARTS ARE KEPT IN STOCK BY THE MARINE REVIEW, 516 PERRY-PAYNE BUILDING, CLEVELAND.

Paddle Engines and Steering Gear.

The illustration on this page shows a set of compound surface condensing paddle engines to indicate 600 horse power. They were built in England and are intended for a large steamer plying in shallow waters. The high pressure cylinder is 22 inches diameter and the low pressure cylinder 43 inches, with a common stroke of 54 inches. The high pressure cylinder is arranged above the low pressure, and to suit the special requirements of the steamer the steering engine is bolted on top of the high pressure cylinder. Messrs. A. M. Rendel & Son, London, are the designers of this machinery. The illustration is from the Engineer of London.

Around the Lakes.

Major W. Stanton, corps of engineers, United States army, will succeed the late Gen. O. M. Poe on the Ohio river-Lake Erie ship canal commission.

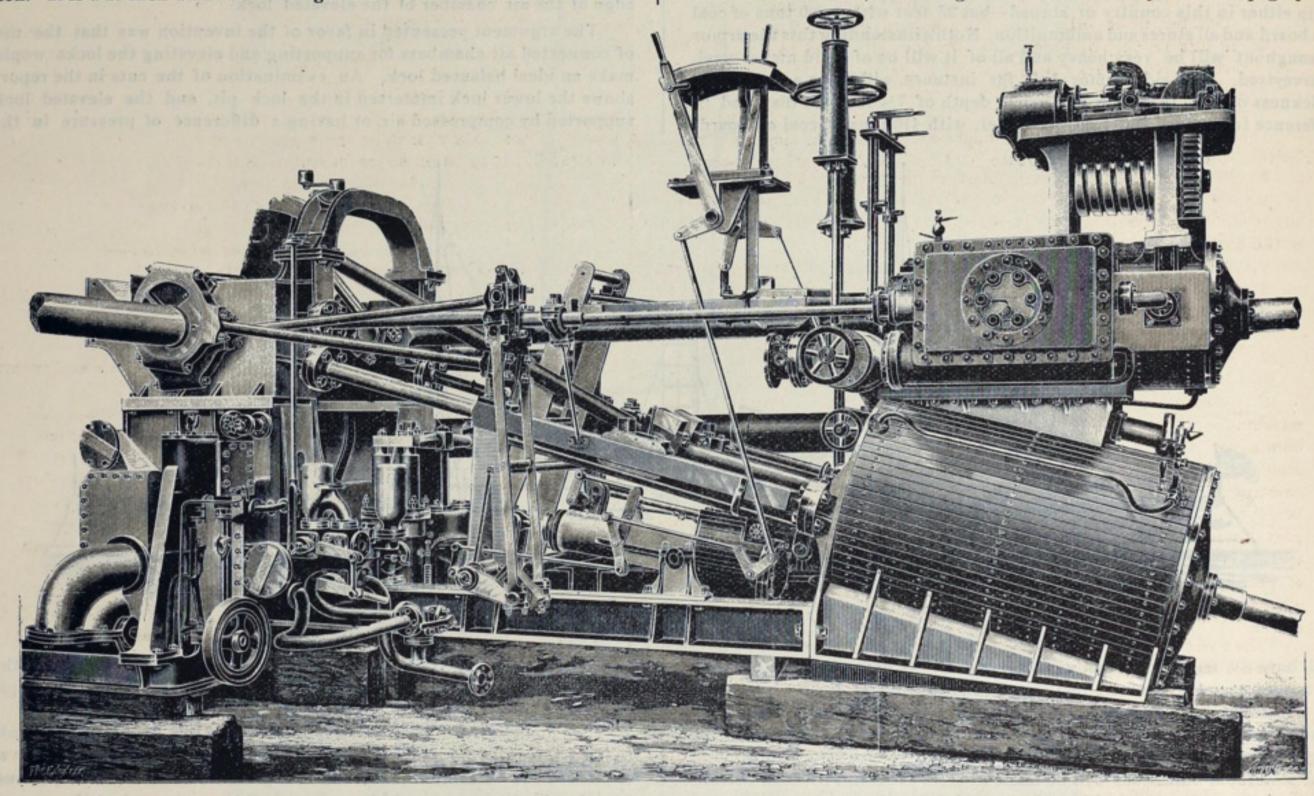
Failure of the Vessel Owners' Towing Co., Chicago, is so complete that it is reported stockholders will lose every dollar they put into the concern and creditors will not get more than 40-per cent.

The new fog signal at Eagle Harbor, Lake Superior, is now in operation. It is a 10-inch whistle sounding alternate blasts of three and six upper deck to the crank room floor, while the vessel was outside Grand Haven, Monday, and was killed.

The uses to which marine glue may be applied are probably not fully understood on the lakes. It can be used in connection with canvas for air-tight compartments of life-boats, and it is the best thing imaginable for caulking and paying decks. It is used in the British navy for water-proofing canvas between the double planking of vessels. The glue referred to is Jeffery's patent marine glue, and L. W. Ferdinand & Co., No. 257 Federal street, Boston, are agents for it. They will send directions for caulking to any one sending an address.

A Big Canal Project.

The projected canal between the Baltic and Black seas, which has engaged the attention of the Russian government for some time past, is a big undertaking. It would cost, including the purchase of ground, about \$96,000,000, and full five years would be required to complete the work. It would be practically a uniting of lakes, and the project is entirely feasible. The full length of canal and connecting waters is 984 miles and the proposed depth of 29 feet, with a minimum width of 220 feet on the water surface and 120 feet at the bottom. At the rate of six knots vessels could pass through the canal in six days. The topographi-



COMPOUND SURFACE CONDENSING PADDLE ENGINES.

seconds, separated by alternate silent signals of twelve and twenty-four seconds duration.

The steel tow barge Aurania of Cleveland delivered at Buffalo, a few days ago, a cargo of 141,000 bushels of wheat, which was brought down from Lake Superior on 13 feet 11 inches draft. The 400-foot steamer Victory loaded 180,000 bushels of barley at Duluth on about the same draft.

Improvements in the Portage Lake ship-canals have caused an immense increase in the traffic of these waterways, largely due to vessels going through the canals instead of rounding Keweenaw point. It is expected that the commerce of the canals this season will be double that of 1894.

The 400-foot steamer Victory, engaged in lake freighting service, has been classed by the British Corporation for the Survey and Registry of Shipping. As the rules of this association and its system of classification stand very high, this is an endorsement of the channel system of construction worthy of notice.

Thos. Pike of Buffalo, a marine engineer who has been engaged on the lakes for thirty-five years, died of pneumonia in Duluth a few days ago. His last charge was the machinery of the steamer Arthur Orr. He was in vessels of the old Union Steamboat line for twenty-five years. Another engineer, Wm. Kelley of the steamer City of Milwaukee, fell from the

cal conditions are most favorable, since they would require only one lock at each end. The canal would, besides, pass over clay soil, which would give every confidence in the security of the canal and would provide the bricks necessary for the mason work. It would be necessary to build seven great railway bridges and twenty-two roadway bridges.

Stocks of Grain at Lake Ports.

The following table, prepared from reports of the Chicago board of trade, shows the stocks of wheat and corn in store at the principal points of accumulation on the lakes on Nov. 23, 1895:

	Wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.
Chicago	21,479,000	1,139,000
Duluth	5,449,000	
Milwaukee	698,000	
Detroit	465,000	10,000
Toledo	1,042,000	101,000
Buffalo	2,264,000	216,000
Total	31.397.000	1.466,000

As compared with a week ago, the above figures show at the several points named a decrease of 93,000 bushels of wheat and an increase of 119,000 bushels of corn.

Shipping Measures Recommended to Congress.

One important comparison made in the annual report of the United States commissioner of navigation, Mr. E. T. Chamberlain, brings out the magnitude of lake commerce. "Our books show," he says. "that the lake shipping, on the American side, exceeds the entire shipping of any country in the world, with the exception of Great Britain and Germany. And with these exceptions, the lake shipping exceeds that of any two countries in the world, save the united shipping of France and Norway."

The report recommends the abolition of entrance and clearance fees charged to vessels trading between Canadian ports and ports of the United States on the lakes. The fee of 25 cents charged for receiving the manifest of a railroad car was abolished some time ago, and the commissioner argues that the fee of 50 cents charged for the entrance or clearance of a vessel trading between ports of the two countries should also be done away with. During the fiscal year 1894 the entries and clearances of vessels between the United States, Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba numbered 26,002, of which 11,356 were American and 14,646 Canadian. It is proposed therefore to remove government fees to the extent of about \$13,000 if the recommendation as adopted. Among a large number of measures recommended to congress for adoption are the following:

- 1. Free ship bill.
- 2. Bill extending application of the act under which the New York and Paris were admitted and the St. Louis and St. Paul were built.
 - 3. Bill to admit certain foreign-built, American-owned steamships.
- 4. Bill to repeal reciprocal tonnage tax exemptions and reduce tonnage taxes within geographical limits nearly contiguous to the United States.
 - 5. Bill to abolish compulsory pilotage on coasting sailing vessels.
- 6. Bill requiring, after June 30, 1898, masters and first mates of sailing vessels over 700 tons to be licensed, and requiring annual inspection of the hulls of such vessels after that date.
 - 7. Bill to prohibit advances and regulate allot ment of wages to seamen.
- 8. Bill to abolish imprisonment of seamen in the common jails of the United States for desertion.
 - 9. Bill for free raw materials for shipbuilding.
 - 10. Bill to promote repair work in American ship yards.
 - 11. Joint resolution for printing a compilation of navigation laws.
- 12. General amendments to navigation laws: Sec. 1, shipping commissioners' offices; sec. 2, adequate crew spaces; sec. 3, abolition of crew bonds; sec. 4, correction of verbal error; sec. 5, wages of deceased seamen; sec. 6, sale of effects of deceased seamen; sec. 7, good conduct on coasting vessels; sec. 8, abolition of entry and clearance fees on the great lakes; sec. 9, return of American vessel to the American flag; sec. 10, report of wrecks; sec. 11, amendments to inland rules to prevent collisions; sec. 12, the same; sec. 13, stamps on foreign-made boilers; sec. 14, repeal of obsolete statute; sec. 15, repeal of 18 sections of the revised statutes apparently obsolete, unnecessary and obstructive; sec. 16, transfer of sea stores.

The free ship bill, as recommended by the commissioner, is as follows: "Vessels belonging wholly to citizens of the United States, and vessels which may be captured in war by citizens of the United States and lawfully condemned as prize, or which may be adjudged to be forfeited for a breach of the laws of the United States, being wholly owned by citizens, and no others, may be registered as directed in this title, but no foreign-built vessel bereafter admitted to American registry shall be entitled to engage in the coasting trade of the United States."

The bill to encourage American ship building is as follows: "That the commissioner of navigation be, and he is hereby authorized and directed before July 1, 1898, upon application by a citizen of the United States or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof, and upon satisfactory proof that such American citizen or corporation is the owner of any steamship named in this act, to issue an American register to such vessel. No vessel registered pursuant to this act shall be entitled to engage in the coasting trade of the United States."

A Monitor for Ship's Lights.

Horace See of No. 1 Broadway, New York, has taken up another device that is especially adapted to use in connection with lights on shipboard. It is an electrical indicator that is said to give sure warning of the failure of any appliance to which it may be connected. When applied to a vessel, the pilot will at all times be informed of the condition of his running lights, both by visible and audible indications produced in the pilot house or other convenient place, so that when a lamp happens to go out, another is immediately set in glow in place of it and an alarm is set up which continues until the first lamp is restored. Thus one lamp is always in reserve. The vessel equipped with this device will have, in case of a night collission, strong evidence to corroborate that of her officers that the lights were burning. It is now in operation on a dozen or more vessels running out of New York.

"Hullo!"

When you see a man in woe
Walk right up an' say "Hullo!"
Say "Hullo," an' "How d'ye do!"
"How's the world a-usin' you?"
Slap the fellow on his back,
Bring yer han' down with a whack,
Waltz right up an' don't go slow,
Grin an' shake an' say "Hullo!"

Is he clothed in rags? O sho!
Walk right up an' say, "Hullo!"
Rags is but a cotton roll
Just for wrappin' up a soul;
An' a soul is worth a true
Hale an' hearty "How d'ye do!"
Don't wait for the crowd to go;
Walk right up an' say, "Hullo!"

W'en big vessels meet, they say,
They saloot an' sail away.
Jest the same with you an' me,
Lonesome ships upon the sea,
Each one sailin' his own jog
For a port beyond the fog;
Let your speakin'-trumpet blow.
Lift yer horn and cry, "Hullo!"

Say "Hullo!" an' "How d'ye do!"
Other folks are as good as you;
W'en ye leave yer house of clay,
Wanderin' in the far away;
W'en you travel through the strange
Country t'other side the range,
Then the souls you've cheered will know
Who you be, an' say "Hullo!"

-Sam. W. Foss in Pacific Union Printer.

Letters at Detroit Post Office.

Letters bearing the following names await owners at the marine post office, Detroit, Mich.:

Gill, Thos. E.

Allen, Louis Gill, T. E. Black, T. E. Gardam, H. Black, Alex Holder, Fred W. Charron, Capt. Thomas Hunt, Capt. W. J. Church, Charles Jackson, Jacob Carpenter, Will H. June, Amos Drouillard, Geo. H. Leduc, George Eaton, Hoyt, Lyons, Capt. S. A. Mullen, Fred G. Elbe, Henry J. Moar, Thomas Feeney, Frank J. Mitchell, Martin Fox, Danil Gray, W. H. Merrill, S. G.

Avery, H.

Nicholson, J. M.
Nicholson, Geo.
Petty, Gilbert
Pelton, Capt. Bert
Perras, W. H.
Rogers, Henry
Richeleau, Frank
Rumming, Jas B.
Thomas, Dave
Townsend, Mrs. C. Owen
Wait, A. D.

Wait, A. D. Watson, George Ward, Mrs. Kate

In General.

A recent number of the Journalist, New York, contains an excellent portrait of Capt. Geo. L. Norton, the popular editor of the Marine Journal.

A twin-screw steel yacht, 230 feet long and fitted with quadruple expansion engines, is being built at the Jonson Engineering Works, Harlem, N. Y.

Secretary Herbert has extended the time six months for the completion of the three gunboats under contract at Newport News, in order that all the woodwork may be rendered fire-proof by impregnation with ammonium sulphate. Under the original contract the Newport News ship building company should have finished these vessels about the end of next January.

The bureau of steam engineering, navy department, has given up its efforts to obtain satisfactory nickel steel for boilers of the Chicago. A sufficient amount of this material has been assembled at the New York navy yard for the construction of one boiler, and the other will be made of ordinary boiler steel. The trouble with nickel steel is, according to the engineers, that smooth joints cannot be made.

About \$10,000 was expended in launching the first-class battleship Victorious in England a few weeks ago. The launching grease comprised 7,000 pounds Russian tallow, 160 gallons train oil and 700 pounds soft soap. The gross floating weight of the ship completed and ready for sea will be 15,725 tons, comprised as follows: Steel in hull, 4,560 tons; wood in decks, etc., 570 tons; fittings, 820 tons; armor, with teak backing, 3,025 tons; protective plating, 1,250 tons; machinery, 1,320 tons; armament, 1,550 tons; coal, 1,890 tons; equipment, 740 tons.



DEVOTED TO THE LAKE MARINE AND KINDRED INTERESTS.

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The books of the United States treasury department on June 30, 1895, contained the names of 3,342 vessels, of 1,241,459.14 gross tons register in the lake trade. The number of steam vessels of 1,000 gross tons, and over that amount, on the lakes on June 30, 1894, was 359 and their aggregate gross tonnage 634,467.84; the number of vessels of this class owned in all other parts of the country on the same date was 316 and their tonnage 642,-642.50, so that half of the best steamships in all the United States are owned on the lakes. The classification of the entire lake fleet on June 30, 1895, was as follows:

Class. Steam vessels. Sailing vessels. Unrigged.		Gross Tonnage. 857,735.00 300,642.00 83,082.00
Total	3,342	1,241,459.00

The gross registered tonnage of vessels built on the lakes during the past five years, according to the reports of the United States commissioner of navigation, is as follows:

				Number.	Net Tonnage.
Year	ending	June 30,	1891		111,856.45
"	"	"	1892		45,168.98
			1893	. 175	99,271.24
"	"	"	1894		41,984.61
"	"	"	1895	• 93	36,353.00
	To	tal		. 747	334,634.28

ST. MARY'S FALLS AND SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC. (From Official Reports of Canal Officers.)

	St. Mar	y's Falls	Canal.	Suez Canal.			
	1894.	1893.	1892.	1894.	1893.	1892.	
No.vessel pass'ges T'n'ge,net registd	14,491	12,008	12,580	3,352	3,341	3,559	
Days of Navigat'n	234				365	365	

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IF THE LATEST report regarding the conclusions of the Nicaragua canal commission are found to be correct, it would seem that the projectors of the big enterprise have encountered a serious set-back A New York paper publishes an extensive synopsis of the report, which is said to have been secured from a stenographer of the commission. It has been stated that the commission favored the route proposed by the canal company, and placed the cost of the canal at about \$110,000,000, but this latest version of the report declares that it is neither practical nor advisable to attempt the construction of the canal upon the data at present available, and that the undertaking would be fraught with hazards too obvious to disregard. That the necessary knowledge may be had of the physical and topographical conditions affecting the construction and maintenance of the canal across Nicaragua upon which to form a final judgment as to the feasibility, permanence and cost, the commission recommends an appropriation by congress of \$350,000 for extensive additional surveys and examinations, covering a period of eighteen months. With the data at hand, however, the commission makes a provisional estimate of the cost of the canal, placing the amount at \$133,472,893, or nearly double that of the Maritime Canal Co's. unconditional estimate of \$69,893,660. The general trend of the entire report is very unfavorable to the canal company. The commission presents tables comparing its own estimates of the cost of the canal project with the estimates presented by the company. The figures indicate that the project will be at least twice as expensive as the company has all along maintained that it would be.

To THOSE who do not already file the REVIEW we would suggest the advisability of doing so in the future. The papers will prove valuable to you. Information which they contain is often absolutely necessary in the conduct of business. Within a few days past we have received orders for back numbers by long distance telephone from Chicago and by telegraph from Detroit. Hardly a day passes without inquiry, either through the mails or by personal request, for information regarding some matter that has appeared in the REVIEW. The statement may seem strange, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that a prominent vessel owner called at the office of the REVIEW recently to learn the number of hatches in his own steamer. He was a little in doubt as to this feature of a vessel that was being built for him, but he knew that a full description of the steamer could be found in our files. As information of all kinds is sought from the office of the REVIEW, so also is information obtained from those who seek it. The news is at all times from first hands, in every way reliable, and this is why we are enabled to print a great deal of valuable reading matter that can be secured only through an information bureau like the office of the REVIEW. It is the kind of information that can not be gathered with scissors and paste pot.

IT WILL be admitted on all hands that the life saving service is one of the grandest institutions of this country, and that the example of the American people in supporting and enlarging the service might well be followed by other maritime nations, but reports sent out from Washington each year regarding the operations of the service are ridiculous and unjust to the men themselves. These reports are unjust for the reason that everybody interested in shipping understands full well that the life savers did not, for instance, save 5,382 lives out of 5,402 lives that were imperilled within the scope of the service during the year 1894. Neither did they save \$9,000,000 worth of property out of \$10,000,000 worth imperilled, as might be implied from the latest reports. Property to the value of the first named figure undoubtedly was endangered within the life saving districts, but it was saved through wrecking expeditions, salvage companies, harbor tugs, and in various other ways, and reports regarding the loss or salvage of it should not be bulked together and given out as a statement of operations of the life saving service.

GEN. CRAIGHILL, chief of army engineers, says that some time ago he talked over Gen. Poe's successor with the general himself, when the matter of the Detroit engineer's retirement was under consideration. He adds that the views expressed by Gen. Poe at that time will now be considered in the appointment of his successor. If such is the case, Col. Mc-Kenzie will certainly be appointed to the Detroit position, as there is no question regarding the choice made by Gen. Poe before his death. But a big effort is still being made in behalf of Col. S. M. Mansfield of Boston, who has the support of Don M. Dickinson and others of influence with the administration.

Timely Quotations.

Our fleet of merchant ships on the great lakes now outnumbers alone the seagoing fleet of any nation except England and Germany.- E. T. Chamberlain, United States Commissioner of Navigation.

Senator Quay's desire to devote part of the wealth of this country to the improvement of its waterways stamps him as a statesman who sees the great work of his time. The railroad system is so far developed that we know its limits. Now comes the day of improving the natural waterways with which the continent is blessed, and in some cases of making new waterways. In my opinion the growth of natural prosperity can by no other means be so accelerated and maintained. It should be the next work to which the public puts its hands in earnest. It is much more important, even, than the Nicaragua canal, important as it is also -Andrew Carnegie.

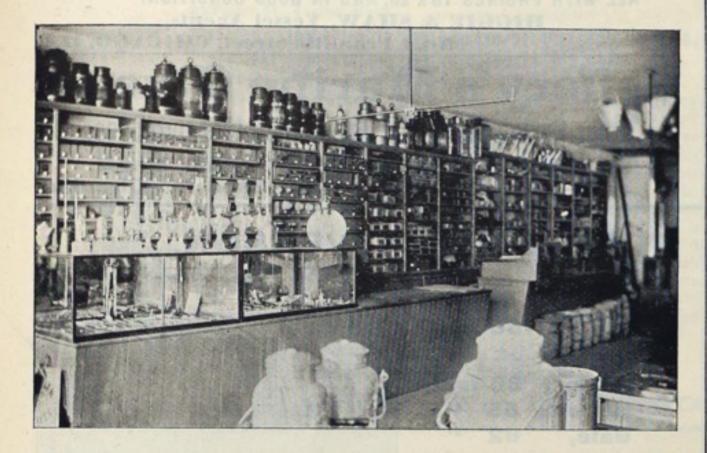
Outside of engineering circles James Watt is little more than a name with nothing about it to inspire admiration, and if he had not had the good fortune to be a Scotchman, and thus become the object of a clannish admiration, he would be as nearly forgotten now as the Welshman Trevithick. Yet every man, woman and child of this and the last generation in the civilized world is the better for his inventions. Take a contemporary name of Watt's, that of Burns, and we find it known and admired wherever the English tongue is spoken, and far beyond the limit. He provided nothing new to help widen the scope of intellectual vision; the things he sang about were in the field and in the town, full in the sight of all, and only became bright from the charm and beauty of his setting. Yet, when touched by his inspiration they became a treasured possession of mankind, never to be abandoned or forgotten until human nature changes, of which there are no signs. The magnificent benefits that have resulted from Watt's inventions being material, do not touch the heart of mankind, and therein lies the difference. - George W. Dickie.

For ten years or more past, since steel was first used in the construction of lake vessels, the custom has been to equip the best vessels with a steam windlass forward and steam capstan aft. Although the size of vessels has been steadily increasing during this time, from 250 feet to 400 feet or more in length, the steam windlass and steam capstan has been depended upon for the various purposes to which they are applied. Improvements have, of course, been made in these machines, but on the 400-foot steel ships that will be quite common next season extra machinery for use at docks and in port generally is being adopted. The big steel freighter Zenith City has two extra steam dock capstans on deck, and the more progressive managers of the modern steamers, who realize the great advantage of time gained in port, will probably follow suit in this matter.

A dividend of \$2 a share was paid yesterday, the 27th, by the Lake Superior Iron Co.

Light and Heat on Lake Steamers.

A view of the interior of the store of Russell & Watson, No 145 Main street, Buffalo, is shown herewith. In addition to the display of signal lamps, this firm manufactures a special steamboat range. They have placed enough of these ranges on steamers to learn just what is needed for the service. They own the right to manufacture the Walters' range grate, which is a great improvement over the old style. The store illustrated was occupied this spring, increasing business necessitating a



change. The shop is on the ground floor and with the store extends from Main to Washington streets. In addition to the manufacturing business, Russell & Watson do an extensive repair business. They not only furnish side lights and all other lamps for lake vessels, but have a good trade on the coast. A special fluted lense is used for signal lamps, and they have equipped such notable vessels as the Christopher Columbus, the Gould yacht Atalanta and many of the lake line steamers. The company is made up of A. J. Russell and H. R. Watson and they will be pleased to consult with any one about anything that has to do with light on lake vessels and also heat for cooking purposes.

The annual statistics of the Bureau Veritas (French society for the classification of ships) relating to the mercantile navy of the world give the total number of sea-going sailing vessels now afloat measuring over 50 tons as 25,570, with an aggregate tonnage of 9,323,995 tons. Of this number, Great Britain comes first with 8,793 ships of 3,333,607 tons. The United States is second with 3,824 vessels and 1,362,317 tons. Norway is third, with nearly 1,000 less vessels than the United States, but nearly the same amount of tonnage. France occupies only the eighth rank, between Sweden and Greece. In regard to the steamers, England counts 5,771 vessels with nearly 10,000,000 tons. Germany, which comes second, has 826 steamers of 1,306,711 tons, France third with 501 steamers and 864,598 tons, while the United States holds fourth place with 447 steamers and 703,339 tons.

Illustrated Patent Record.

SELECTED ABSTRACTS OF SPECIFICATIONS OF A MARINE NATURE-FROM LATEST PATENT OFFICE REPORTS.

550,001. Steering-Gear for Ships. Wm. H. Harfield, London, England. Filed July 13, 1895. Serial No. 555,836.

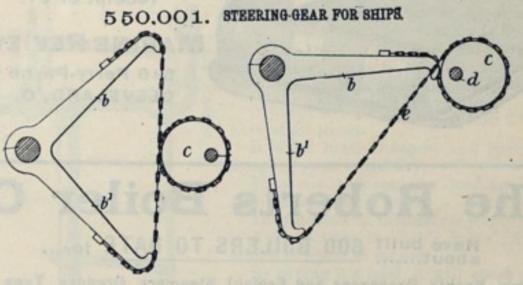
Claim. Steering gear for ships or boats consisting of a tiller fixed to the rudder head, a chain wheel set eccentrically upon a driving shaft and a chain passing around the eccentric, the ends of the chain being connected respectively to arms on the tiller.

550,018. Electrical Steering-Gear. Frank L. Dyer and Leonard H. Dyer, Washington, D. C. Filed Oct. 4, 1894. Serial No. 524,861.

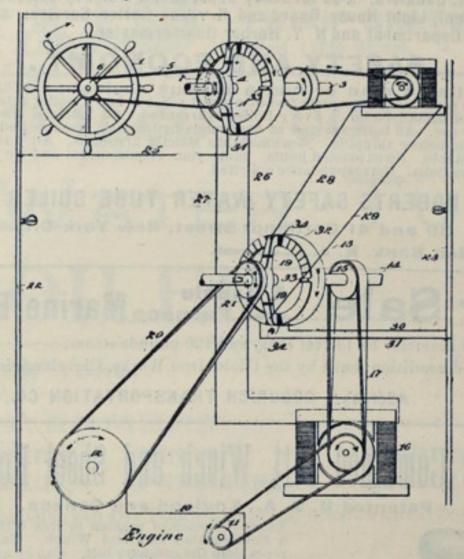
Claim. In an electric steering gear, the combination of a steering engine, a valve for controlling the same, an electric motor mounted upon or adjacent to said steering engine; connections between said electric motor and said steering engine, whereby when said electric motor is operating the said valve will be kept constantly open, differential connections between said steering engine and said valve tending to constantly close the valve when the engine is operating; a revolving switch having independently moving contact arms at the bow of the vessel; a circuit or circuits from said switch to said electric motor; means for operating said contact arms, whereby said circuit or circuits will be constantly closed; a second electric motor in the last named circuit or circuits, connected with the switch at the bow of the vessel and tending to constantly break the circuit of the main electric motor; and, mechanical connections between the steering engine, and a switch thereon tending to constantly break the circuit of the second electric motor.

550,037. Device for Propelling Vessels. John Bond, Turlock, Cal. Filed June 20, 1895. Serial No. 553,451.

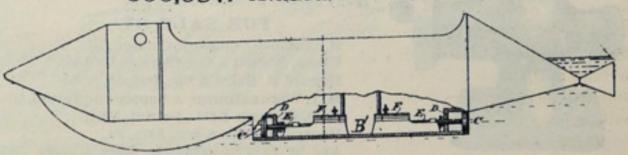
Claim. The combination, of a vessel having conical or pointed ends, open-ended tubes or cylinders entirely beneath the bottom of the vessel, one at each end and a central compartment formed by a depression of the bottom, said tubes or cylinders having their axes in line with each other and having pistons reciprocating within them, with their rods extending inwardly from opposite directions, and engines in said central compartment in line with the piston rods, adapted to be connected with said rods, one of said pistons with its engine and connections serving to



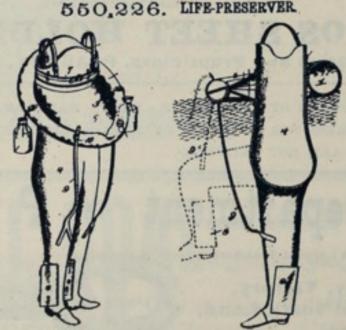
550,018. ELECTRICAL STEERING-GEAR



550,037. DEVICE FOR PROPELLING VESSRLS.



550,226. LIFE-PRESERVER



propel the vessel in one direction and the other set serving to propel said vessel in the opposite direction.

550,226. Life Preserver. Hiram D. Layman, Little Rock, Ark. Filed Nov. 17, 1894. Serial No. 529,180.

Claim. In a life preserver, a flexible water-tight pantaloons suit, a continuous tubular inflatable float body encircling the upper part of said suit and disposed at an oblique angle to the length of the suit, and positive fastening means for connecting the float body with the pantaloons suit and maintaining the same relatively so disposed to each other.



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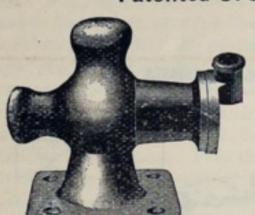
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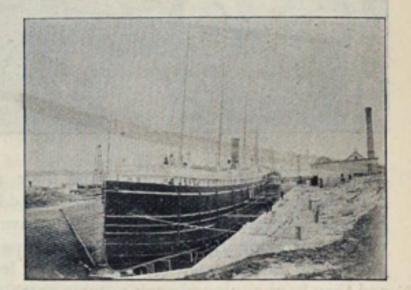
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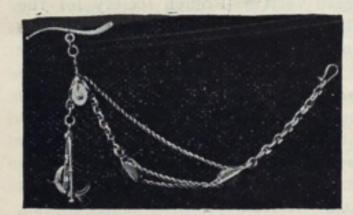
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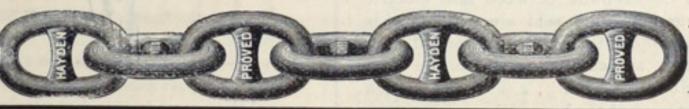
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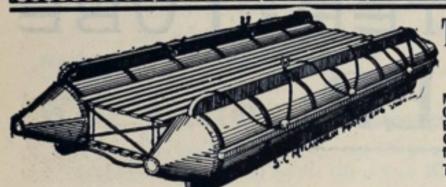
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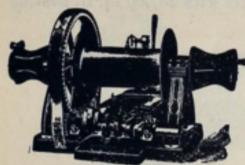
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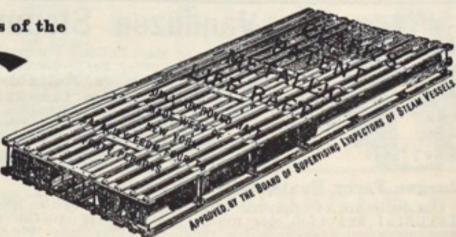
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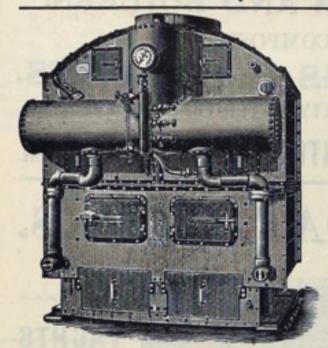
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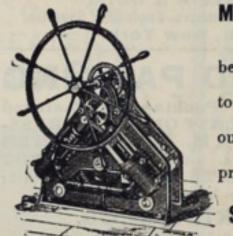
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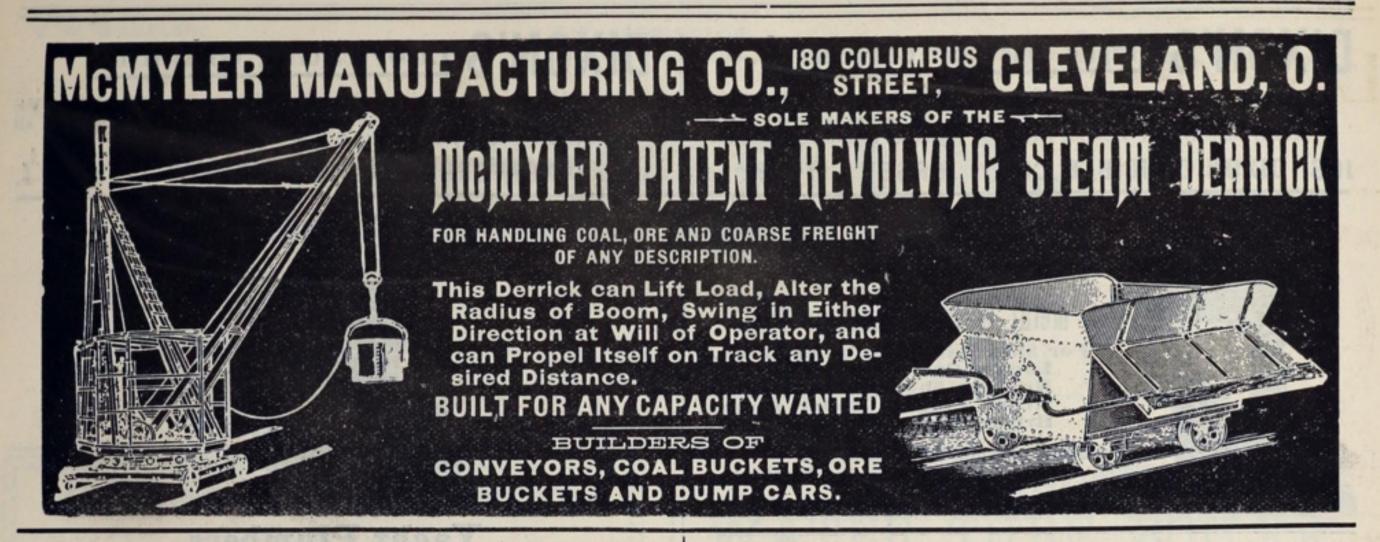


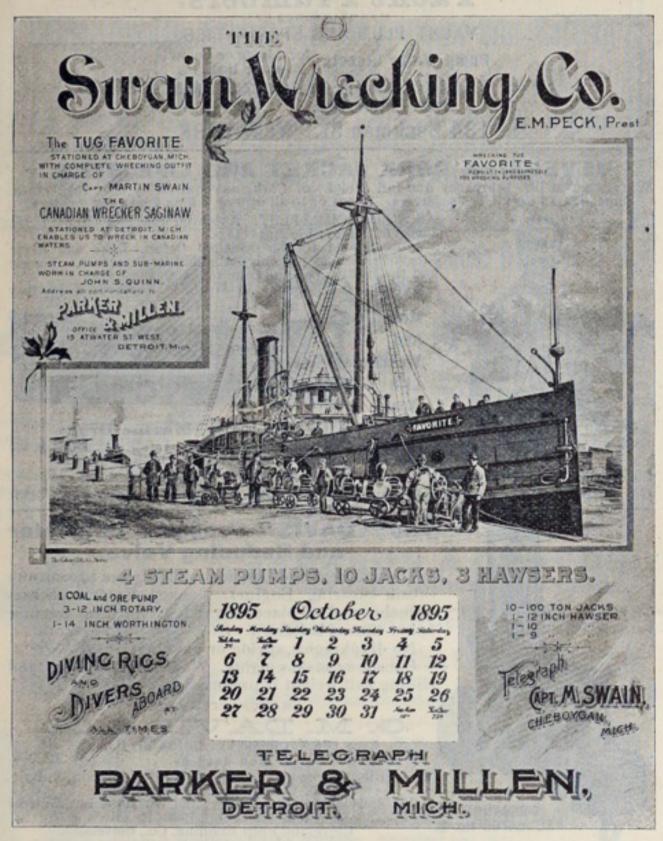
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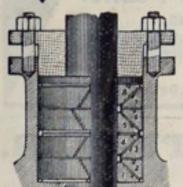
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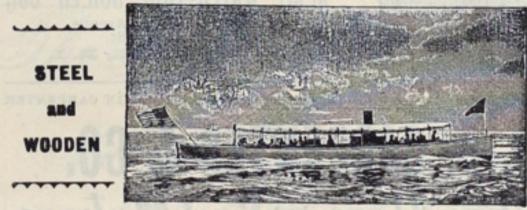
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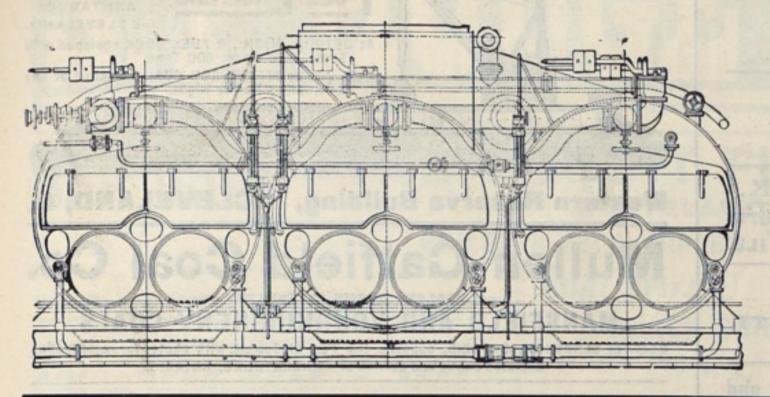
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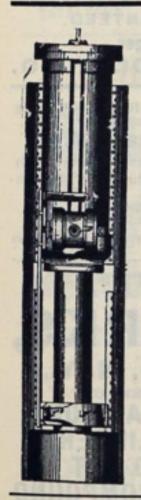
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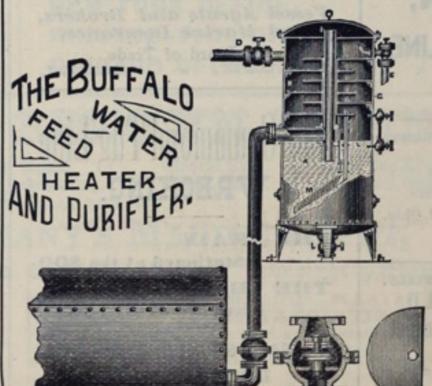
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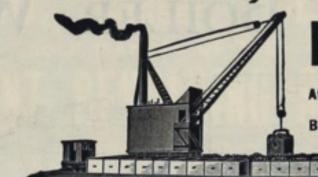
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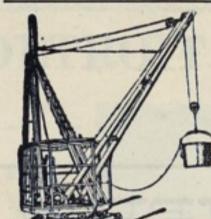
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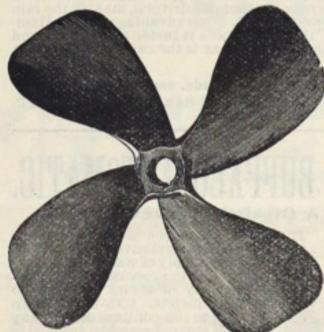
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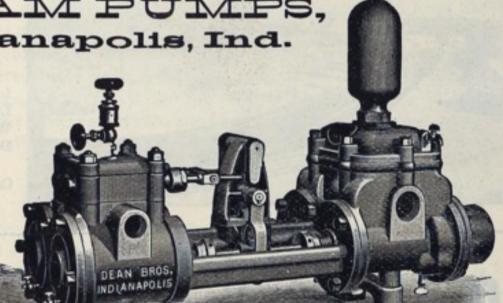
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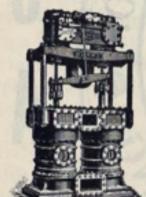
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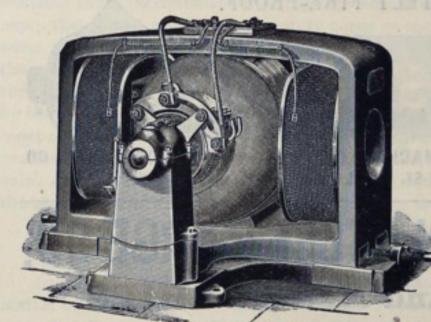
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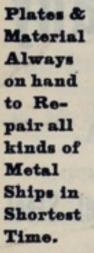
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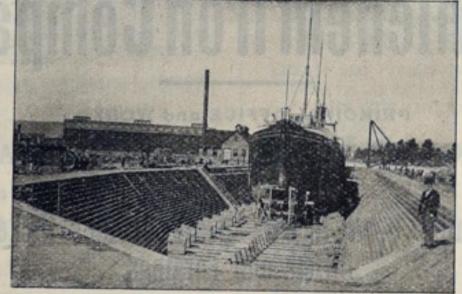
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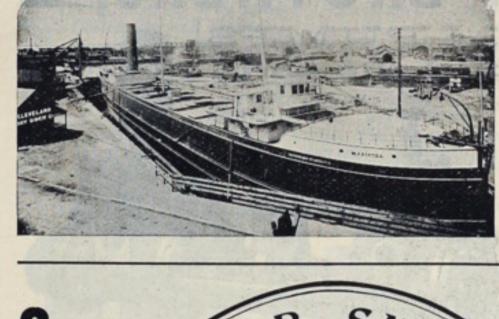
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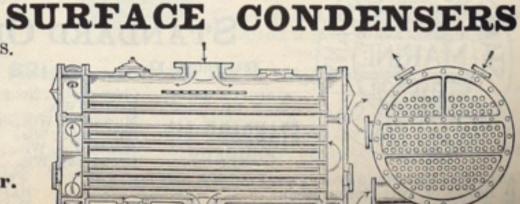
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